

**Oregon Area Al-Anon Assembly  
215 W C St. Springfield, OR, 97477  
November 14-15, 2015  
Host District 6**

**Saturday**

**Meeting opened at 8:30** by Acting Chair, Barb S., Alternate Delegate

**Steps read** by Loretta P., Traditions read by Katie

**Roll Call:** Excused Rita B., Chair, Jodie P., Archives Coordinator, Bunny G., Past Delegate, Radiant G., Literature Coordinator

**Housekeeping information** by Donelda H., Host DR District 6

**Welcome/Announcements/Voting and Mic** statements by Acting Chair, Barb S.

**Minutes from July Assembly approved** with Motion, second and vote

**Treasurer's report presented by** Sue B.

**There are 83 voting GR's present today.**

**Proposed budget presented by Dawn K.**, Chair of Audit Budget Committee. The budget was reviewed line by line, with discussion and explanations of line items and all questions answered.

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**Motion seconded and passed with majority.**

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**Thought force report on** creating a new Coordinator position by Barbara L.,  
**Initial Thought Force Report**

#### Potential Oregon Area Audio Visual Position

The thought force was created at the October, 2015, AWSC meeting held in Roseburg, OR. Sue B, Oregon Area Treasurer; Rick C, Oregon Area Website Coordinator and Barbara L, District 17 District Rep, were the initial members. Barbara chaired.

The thought force was asked to consider: Should an Audio/Visual Coordinator position be established in the Oregon Area. The thoughts brought forward were:

Pro—

Potential resolution of what will work with what (compatibility issues with equipment)

- One person (or group) could be in charge of speakers, projector, screen---consolidation of efforts
- One person to consolidate event host's efforts of equipment usage—host committee could have info of what the Area is providing (specs, for example)
- Assuring whether equipment will be required during the event---eliminating duplication of efforts

Con—

- May require the ability to transport and store large equipment
- If a facility has ample audio/visual equipment, must the coordinator attend the event?
- Could the cost of the position be utilized to provide audio/visual services at the venues by the venues?
- Could be a challenge to attract a qualified and willing person
- Being savvy to problem-shoot unfamiliar software and personal equipment

These are some of the thoughts our committee had. The goal was to begin the discussion.

The AWSC's discussion resulted in a consensus to temporarily store the sound system and the screen with the archives.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Barbara L., District 17 DR

**Report on March 2016 Assembly**, presented by Dawn K. this assembly will combine the assembly business with the Al-Anon's 65th birthday celebration of special events. Ric B., from The World Service Office will be the speaker after dinner on Saturday. All members of Al-Anon are invited to attend.

**North West Regional Delegates meeting (NWRD) drawing for past delegate** to attend meeting in March 2016, Bunny G., Panel 38, Judy J., Panel 41, and Colleen G., Panel 53 were eligible. Bunny G.s, name was drawn by Alateen member Devon.

**Bids for 2017 SSM.** No bids forthcoming at this time. Bids can be presented at the March Assembly.

**November assembly bids for 2016** to be held in Portland area. District 9 made a bid, and District 11 offered to help. Bids accepted with thanks.

**Lunch** 12:00 to 1:00

**Meeting re-opened by** Acting Chair, Barb S. at 1:15pm with the Serenity Prayer

**Alateen's OAC report** by Abbey H.:

Yet another wonderful year at OAC! We had about 90 attendees (including 14 sponsors). We rented out the ENTIRE Molalla Retreat Center. The kids had a blast and some were introduced to the world of recovery for the first time and could finally breathe!! So amazing to see.

This year we held a luminaria ceremony of decorated lantern bags to commemorate those we have lost by the disease and those who are still out there. It was a night ceremony and we would stick tea lights in the bag to light them up. Wow, it was so beautiful. The lanterns were strewn along a circular path where we all silently walked until we felt finished. All the teens were so very respectful and many walked several times around. We started the conference like that to set the tone and remember why we were all there. It worked amazingly because all of our meetings and workshops went very well and it definitely was a very successful and memorable OAC.

One issue I would have to mention involved sponsors overstepping their positions and doing the Alateens jobs for them. I'm afraid this is still an ongoing issue.

We love all the generous donations that have been given to us to make this amazing conference possible!! We love our sponsors and Alateen as a whole! So much growth in every single one of us.

Thank you!! -Abbey H

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a District Representative. (Discussion, Kim M., presented descriptions and reasons for need to remove position responsibilities from Alternate Delegate position.)

**Vote results: 73 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions**

**Minority opinion expressed that voting for coordinator versus officer position needed more clarification.**

**Fellowship Communication drawing** for 10 Forum subscriptions, won by various members attending the assembly.

**Delegates Report presented by Delegate, Colleen G.**

#### **DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Thank you all for being here. It is the GRs who bring the voices of the members in their home groups to these VOTING Assemblies. It is you that have kept the Oregon Area connected with the members practicing UNITY, through Participation. Thank YOU! Thank YOU, Thank YOU!

And Thank You to all of the DRs' Over the past 3 year of panel 53, who have met with your GRs in District Meetings, passing along information pertinent to the District and Area business that has come to us from the World Service Office through the links of Service. This method of AI-Anon participation keeps us all connected and moving forward!! (That term is almost nonexistent in AI-Anon.) So with the business at hand and the voting that will take place today let our thoughts focus on MOVING FORWARD!!

I am trying to keep this report brief! (Someone suggested that in an Ask-It-Basket question at the last assembly). I will do my best to do my job and deliver information to you all in an electronic and personal appearance manner today! YEAH!!

Electronically: the October letter from the Chairperson of the Board (COB) was sent out to all of the DRs and all of the AWSC committee members. I hope you have received your copy to draw from it the information that is important for the membership to hear about. Policy, Finances, Activities from the Conference Leadership Team. The message from COB, reviewing what went on at 2015 Conference. I love that as Delegate I am being encouraged to share this letter with you. This and other information regarding literature, new books and pamphlets etc. being developed is also available on the AI-Anon website, [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org).

Ric Buchanan, WSO Executive Director has said "I am delighted to accept your invitation to be a speaker and lead a workshop..." with us at the March 2016 Assembly and to help us celebrate AI-Anon's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This is AWESOME. Dawn from District 4 has more information available for you. Thanks you Dawn and District 4 members for getting this done.... Flyers are already out!!

So as I lead into my Power Point on being a delegate at conference...

I want to thank everyone in this room for the service you have provided the Area and the support you have given to me. If you aren't sure who that may be, please take out your Area Roster and just read off the names. And then let that vision expand to all of Oregon Area members.

## **Power Point... The Delegate's Travels Through Panel 53.**

Closing comments

We have a deadline to meet with WSO for the newly elected AWSC member's roster. Val and I will be working on getting this information hot off the ballots. There are cards for you to fill out. We have a Data Darling who will bring them to you. Please complete the information immediately and return it to our Data Darling who will then have them ready for Val and I to do our MAGIC!

There are also cards for the information needed for our newly elected DRs and Alternates. Please take your district's and fill it out. Hopefully none will say vacant at the end of this assembly. There is a possibility districts will be caucusing on the lunch break or after the meeting this evening. We would like to have your cards back to us by the end of the Assembly on Sunday.

When we visited the World Service Office, we were greeted at the door and then offered the invitation to tour the building. Everyone we met was warm and gracious. The only question we could not ask was their affiliation to AI-Anon. That would be breaking their anonymity. But if you are curious, just take a look in the Conference Summary. Be inviting... Be open.... Be UPLIFTING – Presume Goodwill.

**QUOTE FROM COURGE TO CHANGE – DECEMBER 1 PG 336.** “As I do service work..... You let me!”

I hope as we enter into the elections and the motions we can keep this in mind. There is no exercise better for the heart (yours or mine) than lifting up others. This is one of the great principles of the program I have witnessed in these past 3 years. Here at our AWSC and Assemblies and in any contact I have had with WSC/WSO staff and trustees! There is a card from me to you. THANK YOU FOR LIFTING ME UP!!

With Love in Service and  
Especially in Friendship.

Colleen G.  
Soon to be Past Delegate

### **Voting for Area Officer and Coordinator Positions**

**Review of Voting Procedures by Acting Chair Barb S.** We will follow the process from the Manual. Job description and requirements read from the manual for each position before the vote. All qualified applicants were polled. Applicants read their Trusted Servant Profile before the group and talked about their qualifications and wishes for the position. The applicants left the room while members who knew the applicants spoke to their qualifications. The applicants returned and voting by ballot completed. The votes were collected and counted to determine the number of votes cast equaled the number of eligible voters. Then the votes were called out and recorded on a white board before the assembly. Elected candidates were congratulated and other applicants thanked for being willing to serve.

**DELEGATE:** Substantial unanimity required for this position. Two were willing. Donelda H. and Cindy E. After 3 votes with no clear unanimity, a decision was made to have a 4th vote with simple majority. Donelda H., 37 votes, Cindy E., 42 votes. Cindy E. is new Delegate.

**Alternate Delegate:** Substantial unanimity required for this position. Three were willing: Donelda H., Joanne C., and Sue B. After 1 vote Donelda H. withdrew. On the third vote we had substantial unanimity of 52 votes for Sue B., as new Alternate Delegate.

**Chairperson:** Substantial unanimity required for this position. Barb S. was willing. After ballot voting Barb S., had substantial unanimity as new Chairperson.

**Treasurer:** Simple Majority required for this position. Dawn K. was willing. Simple majority ballot vote taken with selection of Dawn K. as Area Treasurer.

**Area Al-Anon Process Person (AAPP):** Simple Majority required for this position. Joanne C. was willing. Simple majority ballot vote taken with selection of Joanne C. as AAPP.

**Alateen Coordinator:** Simple Majority required for this position. Linda S. was willing. Simple majority ballot vote taken with selection of Linda S. as new Alateen Coordinator.

**Meeting adjourned** at 5.00pm with Al-Anon Declaration.

## **Sunday**

**Meeting opened** at 8:30 with moment of silence and Serenity Prayer, by Acting Chair Barb S.

**Concepts and Warranties** read by Bill W.

Voting continued. All positions required simple majority. Almost all positions had only one candidate. **There are 74 voting GR's present today.**

- **Secretary:** Mary Lynn J.
- **Archive Coordinator:** Jan D.
- **Cooperating with Professional Community:** Scott C.
- **Communicator Editor:** Donelda H.
- **Forum Coordinator:** Lainey J.
- **Group Records Coordinator:** Kate R.
- **Literature Coordinator:** Caralynn W.
- **Public Information Coordinator:** Tama S.
- **Website Coordinator:** Barbara L.

Due to the amount of business remaining Donelda H., Host DR, was asked to inquire if the facility would be available for any additional time today. The results, the facility was agreeable to extend our time today, but was required to charge an additional \$65.00/hour. A simple majority vote of the membership was conducted and the option for an additional \$65.00 was approved, and paid in full by the Treasurer, Sue B. to the facility representative.

**Fellowship Communication drawing for Literature:**

- Colleen G. won Survival to Recovery
- Loretta W won Opening our Hearts Transforming our Losses
- Pam M. won How Al-Anon Works
- Jan D. won Reaching for Personal Freedom
- Dawn K. won a Forum subscription

**Thought Force report of voting** practice of sending the applicant out of the room to allow discussion of qualifications before voting by Fran A. Discussion held with several issues raised. A committee consisting of: Fran A., Stone C., Linda C. and Phil left the room to rewrite a motion including changes suggested in the discussion. When finished they presented a motion.

**Motion #5:** We move to change the current election policy of having candidates standing for Area Positions leave the room—to that of allowing the candidates the option of remaining in the room or leave during the discussion.

If members wish to share information about the candidate and wish to remain anonymous they may submit their comments in writing to be read aloud by the Secretary for the benefit of the Assembly. A simple majority is required. Motion seconded by Jan D.

**Voting results: 65 Yes, 8 no, and 1 abstention.**

**Minority opinion expressed:** I was opposed to anyone being able to anonymously express either pro or con comments about a candidate. I felt that if it is important enough to speak about, the person with the information should be willing to express the comments.

**Final Audit/Budget report** by Dawn K. The A/B committee met last night and reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter records. No discrepancies were found.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you these past 3 years. Just a reminder—anyone interested in serving on this committee for the next panel needs to submit their resume' to our new chairperson, Barb S., as this committee will be appointed by her. We will be meeting in January to audit the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter records and hand over the treasurer stuff to the new Treasurer, ME! Thanks again.

**Public Outreach Grant Program introduced** by Kathy S. PI Coordinator.

Districts who received grants gave reports:

District 12, John O., DR. Amount of grant \$300.00

District 12 says a big Thank You to the Oregon Area and the Public Outreach Action committee for the grant that allowed us to work with District 10 and Lamar, to have a big beautiful 10'x20' Billboard at the corner of NE 60<sup>th</sup> and Portland Road for 4 weeks. The crazy Road Sign that started as a bookmark and has been used in theaters around Oregon, the banners and posters and business cars and now on billboards. The first billboard made such an impression on me when I first saw it that I almost went off the road with excitement. Everyone needs to see this!

Everyone in our District got excited when Kathy our Public Information Coordinator showed it to us, but we did not have the means to do it. With the grant and working with Kathy and District 10 we were able to get this billboard up in September, (Recovery Month), at a busy intersection to be viewed by over 250,000 people. That is equivalent to about half the population of Portland and almost twice the population of Eugene. That is a lot of impressions and if all the newcomers at our meetings are any indication, it was a smashing success. Yet, if we just attracted 1 person from the craziness and insanity to try Al-Anon and find help it was worth it.

Thanks again to the Oregon Area and the Public Outreach Action Committee for the opportunity to do this.

District 14, Ruby W. Amount of grant \$532.99

We are using the grant funds to give the road map business cards to law enforcement agencies. We are still working on the Forum subscriptions. And the rest of the money is yet to be used in further events such as the Pow Wow, Stand Down, Third Thursday and the water for these events. The actual expenditures for the events are:

- Veterans Stand Down \$75.00
- Third Thursday Event \$75.00
- Three Pow Wows \$65.00
- Road Map business cards \$39.99 for 500 cards
- Theatre PSA for December \$150.00
- Bottled water for events \$18.00
- Forum Subscriptions (11) \$110.00

We realize the project may not have had time to work yet. We have had new members in our groups handing out a lot of literature.

District 17, Barbara L., DR. Amount of grant \$603.00.

First we accomplished purchasing and hand delivering the DVD “Al-Anon and Alateen’s Role in family Recovery” along with a packet of other program literature to each treatment center in our district.

Also, although some of the literature is on back order, we have in process packets of Al-Anon and Alateen literature for all alternative school, middle school and high school teachers in our Clackamas School District. This is approximately 450 teachers. These will be presented when it is a good time for the schools.

Lastly, we have provided each of the 38 AA meetings within our district with an Al-Anon information packet—including a meeting schedule of District 17 meetings.

Our grant monies were well spent and we are providing our panel 53 Oregon Area Treasurer with our receipts.

Thank you for entrusting us with the funds. Our District is committed to Public Outreach.

District 7, Medford/Grants Pass, Tama S. Amount of grant \$622.00

- Used for ¼ color banner add on footer of page #6 in the Southern Oregon Medical Directory
- Also when people go on line for Oregon Healthy Living.com/Medical we have a “pop-up”
- Distributed in the mail Tribune and Ashland Daily Tiding and will be available for \$3.00 at several local retail locations
- It will reach over 50,000 readers including medical providers including veterinary and holistic medical
- Publishing was March 15. Good till all handed out (all year).

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- **Motion tabled.**

## **Action Committee Reports:**

Due to the time limits, The Business Action Committee handed out letters to all DR.s to give to the GRs and groups. All Other Action Committee reports cancelled for this assembly. The letter states:

Oregon AL-ANON and ALATEEN  
November 2015

Dear Oregon Area Al-Anon Groups,

The goal of the Oregon Area Business Services Action Committee is to increase knowledge and understanding on all financial matters of the business of Al-Anon. We encourage groups to read the new 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition statement shown below before passing the basket at their meetings. It is important to remember all members, including newcomers, should be able to contribute in whatever way they can.

As your business meeting, please consider discussing the topic of being fully self-supporting of Al-Anon at all service levels.

In the spirit of educating groups about the cost of being fully self-supporting and increasing contributions, the Business Services Action Committee reminds groups of the wording available from the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017:

“We have no dues or fees, but we do pass the basket to cover group expenses, including purchase of literature, support of our trusted servants, and Al-Anon service arms. According to our Seventh Tradition, Al-Anon/Alateen groups ought to be fully self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions. We are encouraged to contribute in gratitude for what Al-Anon/Alateen has given us. The amount is not important; what is important is that we give whatever we can.”

Al-Anon/Alateen groups at Work 2014-2017 (P-24), Page 21  
Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017 (P-24/27), Page 21

From your trusted servants,

Oregon Area Business Services Action Committee

**Ask it Basket questions** handed in during this assembly were given to Past Delegates, Judy J, Bunny G. and Colleen G. to answer and publish in the next issue of the Communicator.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**AWSC: Feb 2016, Host District 6, Eugene area**

**Assembly: March 18-19, Host District 4, Salem area**

**SSM: May 13-15, 2016, Host District 17, Milwaukie area**

**Meeting adjourned** at 1 pm with Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectively submitted,  
Val V., grateful to have served as Area Secretary

## Motions Made during November 2015 Assembly

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- **Secretary remark: In the written version of this motion Panel 56 was written as Panel 58. I corrected this in the minutes.**

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**Motion #6:** made by Mary Lynn J. To make the use of the Trusted Servant Profile a permanent part of the election process in revised form.

- **Motion seconded and passed with simple majority.**

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